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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, EEC, US

SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 89401

1. ECONCOMMIN SPOKE LATE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 30 WITH  
FONMIN DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY POENSGEN TO AGAIN  
REITERATE IMPORTANCE OF GERMAN LEADERSHIP IN REACHING  
AGREEMENT ON ARTICLE XXIV:6. POENSGEN WAS NOT  
SURPRISINGLY NETTLED THAT ANYONE SHOULD QUESTION THE  
"HARD WORK" WHICH THE FRG DELEGATION WAS DOING IN  
BRUSSELS. HE TOLD ECONCOMMIN THAT AMBASSADOR'S AND  
EMBOFF'S APPROACHES ON APRIL 27 HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED  
TO PERM REPS IN BRUSSELS. WE STRESSED TO POENSGEN  
THAT WE DID NOT SEEM FAR FROM AGREEMENT AND THAT WITH  
SOMEWHAT MORE PUSH AGREEMENT MIGHT WELL BE POSSIBLE.  
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2. NOT HAVING BEEN ABLE TO REACH FRAU STEEG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN ECONMIN ON APRIL 29, ECONCOMMIN FINALLY REACHED HER LATE APRIL 30. WHEN HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT FRG DELEGATION WAS LIMITING ITSELF TO PUSHING ACCEPTANCE OF COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL, STEEG SAID SHE WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS, REACHED AFTER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH US OFFICIALS, WERE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION AS HAVING SOME CHANCE OF BEING ACCEPTABLE TO THE US. FURTHERMORE, STEEG SAID SHE UNDERSTOOD US HAD SOME FLEXIBILITY GOING BEYOND OUR MARCH LISTS. SHE ALSO SPOKE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN IMPROVING THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS WHEN THE PROPOSALS THEMSELVES HAVE NOT SO FAR BEEN ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE PERMREPS.

3. ECONCOMMIN DISABUSED FRAU STEEG AS TO ACCEPTABILITY OF COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL BASED ON LOGIC SHE PRESENTED. HE STRESSED THAT AMBASSADOR'S APPROACH TO HERMES ON APRIL 27 HAD BEEN INTENDED TO MAKE JUST THAT POINT, I.E., CONCERN THAT FRG SUPPORT WAS NOT GOING BEYOND LIMITS OF EXISTING COMMISSION PROPOSAL WHICH DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SEVERAL US REQUIREMENTS. HE CITED TOBACCO AS ONE CASE IN POINT.

4. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER STEEG'S MISUNDERSTANDING CAME FROM POOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY OR WAS A LEFTOVER FROM INFORMATION SHE RECEIVED IN PARIS DURING COMMITTEE 113 MEETING. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH SHE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOW UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION. WHEN ECONCOMMIN SPOKE TO HER AGAIN MORNING OF MAY 2, SHE SAID SHE HAD DISCUSSED ARTICLE XXIV:6 QUESTION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AGAIN ON MAY 1, FOLLOWING ACTING SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH GERMAN CHARGE IN WASHINGTON. FRAU STEEG EXPRESSED RENEWED "DISTRESS" THAT IMPRESSION SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN AROUND THAT GERMANS HAD BEEN INSUFFICIENTLY FORCEFUL IN PRESSING FOR SOLUTION ON ARTICLE XXIV:6. SHE SAID THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO PERMREP IN BRUSSELS ON MAY 1 ON THE BASIS OF WHICH SHE HOPED  
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PROGRESS COULD BE MADE AT MAY 2 MEETING.  
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